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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The Games of the 2020 Paralympics will begin today with the traditional opening ceremonies in Tokyo, Japan. For Cedarville University alumna Grace Norman, she will be on center stage **Saturday, Aug. 28** when the triathlon begins at **7:31 pm EST**.

Norman won gold in the triathlon at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio. She has been training throughout the United States during the past year, and her parents and followers are anticipating a strong effort by Norman, which they will be supporting at the Cedarville University "Grace Norman Watch Party" in the Stevens Student Center event rooms. The event begins at 7 pm.

"As parents, we know Grace has put in the training to compete well at the Paralympics," said Dr. Tim Norman, Grace's dad and professor of engineering at Cedarville University. "Although we would prefer to be watching her compete in Tokyo, but since that's not a possibility, being able to view her race on campus with family and friends will be special. We will be cheering intensely for her and believe she will represent our country, our university, and our faith in Jesus well."

When Grace won the gold in 2016 at the age of 18, she was the younger athlete in the field. She is the first athlete to win gold in the paralympic PT4 triathlon, and, as a result, she will be the person the other competitors will be trying to beat. As a college athlete at Cedarville, Grace earned National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All-America honors her senior year. She was a member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference All-Academic team in 2017-18, and a member of the All- Freshman team in 2016-17.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community; rigorous academic programs; strong graduation and retention rates; accredited professional and health science offerings; and high student engagement ranking. For more information about the University, visit cedarville.edu.